obtained by this process was even superior to that obtained by the Rotary Kiln process. This process, it appears, promises to be the most economic way of utilizing the Tiruchirappalli nodules at less than half the cost of super-phosphate made by the acid process. Recently a private company has been floated for the manufacture of fused phosphate employing the process described above."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Has this private company started functioning and has it been given permission to float the necessary capital? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITHARAMA REDDI :—" From the information available, I understand that one of the promoters has gone or is about to go to America to secure plants and finalize technical details."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know why this Government should not undertake the manufacture of phosphatic manure? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" When there are people who are prepared to undertake the manufacture, we allow them."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Why not nationalize? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" This is not one of the industries that is proposed to be nationalized."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I will be glad to know if the hon. Member has understood the terms used in the answer like ' rotary kiln ', ' fusion with silica and magnesia ' etc."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In the deliberations of the Industrial Planning Commitee, we became familiar with those terms."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I suppose the Hon. Minister understands them."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I am supposed to."

The dispute between the mirasdars and kisans in the Tanjore district.

* 142 *Q.*—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that he visited Tanjore district on the 23rd October 1948; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Joint Secretary, Development Department, also visited Tanjore district on the 23rd October and announced the decisions of the Government of Madras in the dispute between the mirasdars and kisans regarding wages, etc.?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir."

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SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" Sir, on what previous occasions were Secretaries to Government sent out for purposes of this kind? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, I should like to have notice. But for the information of the hon. Member, I may tell him that it has always been the practice of Government that Government Orders are always conveyed to the parties by the Secretaries to Government."

SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether the established convention of confining the functions of Secretaries to Government within the four walls of the Secretariat is being followed? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" No violation of that convention has taken place, Sir. Perhaps the hon. Member is not aware of the practice."

SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" Is it not advisable that the Hon. Ministers themselves attend to matters of this kind, Sir? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" By restricting themselves within the four walls of the Secretariat! " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, it does not seem to be a question addressed to a particular Minister. It seems that the hon. Member is expressing his own personal opinion."

Clemency shown to Pichai Ammal of Tirunelveli.

* 143 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government exercised their powers of clemency in the case of one Pichai Ammal convicted under section 302, I.P.C., by the Sessions Judge, Tirunelveli, and, if so, the grounds therefor?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" No. The Government are awaiting the result of the appeal which the prisoner is reported to have filed."

SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" May I know Sir, what are the charges in this case? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, in this case the woman was charged with having murdered her three children and then attempting to commit suicide herself."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Was it not mentioned in the judgment of the Sessions Judge that the reason which induced the woman to attempt to commit suicide was acute poverty? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" That was the plea that was put forward by the woman in her appeal, that owing to starvation she found it impossible to maintain her children, because her husband deserted her and therefore she put to death her children and wanted to commit suicide."